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SUBJECT: DGB OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON ENTRY OF CGIL INTO

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1. FOLLOWING THE DGB'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO DENY AND THEN DELAY ENTRANCE OF ITALIAN CGIL INTO THE ETUC, DGB INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ERWIN KRISTOFFERSEN DISCUSSED THE DGB'S VIEWS ON THE ADMISSION OF THE CGIL INTO THE ETUC WITH THE ASST. LABATT.

2. KRISTOFFERSEN REGRETTED THAT THE DGB EFFORT TO DELAY ADMISSION OF THE CGIL INTO THE ETUC UNTIL THE CGIL HAD CLARIFIED ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WFTU FAILED IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 9. HE LIMITED HIS EXPLANATION OF THE DEFEAT OF THE DGB'S STRATEGY TO SAYING THAT THOSE WHO VOTED FOR ADMISSION OF THE CGIL SAW IT NOT AS A COMMUNIST UNION BUT RATHER AS A COMMUNIST DOMINATED UNION WHICH DESERVED "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION". THOSE VOTING FOR ADMISSION ALSO ACCEPTED THE CGIL'S DECLARATION THAT IT WOULD DOWNGRADE ITS AFFILIATION WITH THE WFTU TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. KRISTOFFERSEN SAID THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE ADMISSION OF THE CGIL REMAIN TO BE SEEN AND THAT IF THE CGIL BEHAVES IN A PROPER TRADE UNION FASHION HOPEFULLY THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS. SHOULD, HOWEVER, THE CGIL TRY TO USE ITS POSITION IN THE ETUC TO FURTHER COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES, THE DGB WOULD THEN TRY TO HAVE IT EXPELLED.

3. KRISTOFFERSEN REAFFIRMED THE DGB'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE ENTRY OF THE FRENCH CGT AND OTHER COMMUNIST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS INTO THE ETUC SAYING THAT THE ADMISSION OF THE CGIL SHOULD NOT BE A FOOT IN THE DOOR FOR THEM.
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